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### SENATE STRATEGIC PLANNING

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee held hearings to examine a process for establishing goals and objectives for the administrative functions of the Senate, receiving testimony from Joyce C. Doria and John D. Mayer, both of Booz-Allen & Hamilton Inc., McLean, Virginia.

Also, committee met to consider pending administrative business, and recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Richard J. Griffin, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, and Joseph Thomp-

son, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Benefits, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, William P. Greene Jr., of West Virginia, to be an Associate Judge of the United States Court of Veteran Appeals, and Espiridion A. Borrego, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Kevin Gover, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Domenici and Bingaman, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 2773-2784; 1 private bill, H.R. 2785; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 182 and H. Res. 298, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1965, to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures, amended (H. Rept. 105-358 Part 1); and

H.R. 434, to provide for the conveyance of small parcels of land in the Carson National Forest and the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, to the village of El Rito and the town of Jemez Springs, New Mexico, amended (H. Rept. 105-359). Page H9799

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H9731

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain the Reverend Everett W. Hannon, Jr. of Lexington, Missouri. Page H9731

**Forage Improvement Act:** By a yea and nay vote of 242 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 549, the House passed H.R. 2493, to establish a mechanism by which the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior can provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal lands. Pages H9734-64

Agreed To:

The Stenholm amendment to the Smith of Oregon amendment that strikes definitions of allotment and

base property, and strikes language dealing with the treatment of lease or sublease of base property.

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The Smith of Oregon amendment, as amended by the Stenholm amendment, that strikes definitions of allotment, base property, consultation, cooperation, and coordination; strikes section 103 dealing with a prohibited condition regarding grazing permits and leases; revises the types and use of data collected to include use of previously collected data, application of criteria and protocols, and use of data; and strikes language dealing with the treatment of lease or sublease of base property; and

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The Miller of California amendment that establishes a separate grazing fee for foreign-owned or controlled grazing permits or leases. Pages H9758-61

Rejected:

The Klug amendment to the Vento amendment that sought to replace the Grazing Fees provision and establish a Basic Fee for each animal unit month in a grazing fee year that is equal to the rate charged for grazing on the respective State lands (rejected by a recorded vote of 205 yeas to 219 noes, Roll No. 546);

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The Vento amendment that sought to establish different grazing fees for small producers controlling livestock of less than 2,000 animal unit months on Federal lands and large producers controlling livestock of 2,000 or more animal unit months (rejected by a recorded vote of 208 yeas to 212 noes, Roll No. 547); and

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The Vento amendment that sought to reduce the animal unit month for billing of sheep and goats

from seven to five (rejected by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 548). **Pages H9761–62**

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of H.R. 2493 to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill.

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Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 284, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a yeas and nays vote of 277 yeas to 139 nays, Roll No. 545.

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**Nuclear Waste Policy Act:** By a recorded vote of 307 ayes to 120 noes, Roll No. 557, the House passed H.R. 1270, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to the bill on October 29.

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By a recorded vote of 142 ayes to 283 noes, Roll No. 556, rejected the Markey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Commerce with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment that specifies that contractors transporting spent nuclear fuel or high-level radioactive waste under any such contract shall not be indemnified under section 170d of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 for any liability resulting from negligence, gross negligence, or willful misconduct in connection with such transportation. **Pages H9769–71**

**Agreed To:**

The Traficant amendment, debated on October 29, that expresses the Sense of Congress that all material and services purchased pursuant to the bill should be from the United States; requires a notice describing the requirement to purchase American-made equipment and products; and prohibits contracts with persons falsely labeling products as made in America (agreed to by a recorded vote of 407 ayes to 2 noes with 15 voting “present”, Roll No. 555).

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**Rejected:**

The Ensign amendment, debated on October 29, that sought to ensure that a risk assessment study and cost benefit analysis are conducted prior to action being taken under the act (rejected by a recorded vote of 135 ayes to 290 noes, Roll No. 550);

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The Gibbons amendment, debated on October 29, that sought to specify that the Governor of each State with nuclear waste routes shall certify that emergency response teams exist and can manage any nuclear accident before transportation can be implemented (rejected by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 312 noes, Roll No. 551);

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The Ensign amendment, debated on October 29, that sought to require that before any shipments

occur, Congress must have appropriated funds to ensure adequate emergency response teams along the transportation route (rejected by a recorded vote of 118 ayes to 305 noes, Roll No. 552); **Pages H9766–67**

The Markey amendment, debated on October 29, that sought to strike provisions that prevent EPA from setting radiation protection standards (rejected by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 273 noes, Roll No. 553); and **Page H9767**

The Gibbons amendment, debated on October 29, that sought to delete the 1 mill cap and gives the Secretary of Energy the authority to assess a fee on the existing reactors (rejected by a recorded vote of 67 ayes to 357 noes, Roll No. 554). **Pages H9767–68**

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of H.R. 1270 to make technical corrections including corrections in spelling, punctuation, section numbering, and cross referencing. **Page H9771**

The House agreed to H. Res. 283, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill on October 29.

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**Question of Privilege of the House:** The Speaker ruled that H. Res. 290, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. Subsequently, agreed to table the resolution by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 198 noes with 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 558. **Pages H9771–73**

**Question of Privilege of the House:** The Speaker ruled that H. Res. 291, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. Subsequently, agreed to table the resolution by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 200 noes with 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 559. **Pages H9773–74**

**Question of Privilege of the House:** The Speaker ruled that H. Res. 292, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. Subsequently, agreed to table the resolution by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 187 noes with 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 560. **Pages H9774–75**

**Question of Privilege of the House:** The Speaker ruled that H. Res. 293, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. Subsequently, agreed to table the resolution by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 190 noes with 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 561. **Pages H9775–76**

**Question of Privilege of the House:** The Speaker ruled that H. Res. 294, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. Subsequently, agreed to table the resolution by a recorded

vote of 217 ayes to 193 noes with 4 voting "present", Roll No. 562.

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**Question of Privilege of the House:** The Speaker ruled that H. Res. 295, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. Subsequently, agreed to table the resolution by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 197 noes with 5 voting "present", Roll No. 563.

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**Question of Privilege of the House:** The Speaker ruled that H. Res. 296, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. Subsequently, agreed to table the resolution by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 196 noes with 3 voting "present", Roll No. 564.

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**Question of Privilege of the House:** The Speaker ruled that H. Res. 297, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. Subsequently, agreed to table the resolution by a recorded vote of 208 ayes to 192 noes with 4 voting "present", Roll No. 565.

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**Re-Referral of Senate Bill:** Agreed by unanimous consent that S. 459, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to extend certain authorizations, be re-referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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**Intelligence Authorization Conference Report:** Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order on Friday, October 31 or any day thereafter to consider the conference report to accompany S. 858, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System; that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived; and that the conference report be considered as read when called up.

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**Suspensions:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the Speaker be authorized to designate a time not later than November 7, 1997 for resumption of proceedings on the seven remaining motions to suspend the rules originally considered on Monday, September 29, 1997.

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**Presidential Message—Nuclear Energy Agreement:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his proposed agreement for cooperation between the United States and Brazil concerning peaceful uses of nuclear energy—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-161).

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9731.

**Referral:** S. Con. Res. 37, expressing the sense of the Congress that Little League Baseball Incorporated was established to support and develop Little League baseball worldwide and that its international character and activities should be recognized, was referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and nineteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9734-35, H9756-57, H9757-58, H9762, H9763-64, H9765, H9765-66, H9766-67, H9767, H9767-68, H9768-69, H9770-71, H9771, H9772-73, H9773-74, H9774-75, H9775-76, H9776-77, H9777-78, H9778-79, and H9779-80. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FOOD STAMP PROGRAM WASTE AND ABUSE

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing on review of the waste and abuse in the administration of the Food Stamp Program. Testimony was heard from Craig Beachamp, Assistant Inspector General, Investigations, USDA; and Robert Robinson, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO.

### FAA'S STANDARD TERMINAL AUTOMATION REPLACEMENT SYSTEM

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on FAA's Standard Terminal Automation Replacement System (STARS). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General; George L. Donahue, Associate Administrator, Research and Acquisition and Ronald E. Morgan, Director, Air Traffic, both with the FAA; and a public witness.

### GAO REPORT—FEDERAL HOUSING ENTERPRISE OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on the GAO Report on the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. McCool, Director, Financial Institutions and Market Issues, GAO; and Mark Kinsey, Acting